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James Glenn, MD., Ph.D.,  
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Dear Dr. Glenn:

My colleagues and I are organizing an International Conference on "Cellular and Molecular Aspect of Self Reactivity and Autoimmune Diseases", which will be held in Taormina, Italy on June 8-12 1992.

The major subject which are of great interest in this area are: the mechanisms of negative regulation of lymphocytic clones producing autoantibodies, molecular basis of interaction between self antigens and major histocompatibility genes, cellular and genetic mechanisms of activation of self reactive cells. We need to decipher the key aspects, in order to understand the differences between the mechanisms responsible for self recognition, in to understand the pathogenesis of autoimmune diseases. The understanding of cellular and molecular basis of autoimmune disease will contribute to the development of new immunotherapeutic strategies based on the utilization of new reagents that will be developed by pharmaceutical and biotechnological companies. The organization of this conference imposes a considerable challenge for the organizing committee to raise the necessary funds.

I am approaching your company, to ask your support for this event. As you can see from the enclosed program, a number of highly qualified experts in the fundamental research of gene expression in lymphocytes, and some outstanding investigators in the field of autoimmune diseases are invited as major speakers. We will mention the Tobacco Research Council as a Sponsor in the final program.

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Should you have any questions, please feel free to call or write. We do hope you can help in the success of this meeting. If you would like to contribute, please send a check payable to : Dr. Constantin Bona, Autoimmunity Conference.

Sincerely yours,



Constantin A. Bona, MD., Ph.D.,

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